

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification, drawings and claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 12 and 14 are amended. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended specification, drawings, and claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending and under consideration.

ITEMS 7-8: ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objects to claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, and 14-17, but indicates claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, and 14-17 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. (Action at page 5). Applicant appreciates the indications of allowable subject matter.

Claims 3, 6, 11, and 14 are amended herein to overcome the objection. Claims 4, 7-8, and 16, claims 9 and 17, claim 12, and claim 15 are dependent on claims 3, 6, 11, and 14, respectively.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, and 14-17 is requested.

ITEM 1: OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner objects to the drawings contending that not every feature of the invention is shown. (Action at page 2).

FIGs. 6 and 9 and paragraph 0055 are amended herein. In FIG. 6, a plurality of the plurality of protuberances 200a, 200b in the developer and a plurality of power supply cutting-off modules 500, 501 with insertion holes 120c, 501c in the printer cover are shown, as described in paragraph 0055. In FIG. 9, a plurality of protuberances 600a, 601a provided in the printer cover and a plurality of power supply cutting-off modules 600, 601 having insertion holes 600b, 601b in the developer unit are shown, as described in paragraph 0055.

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.

ITEM 2: OBJECTION TO CLAIM 12

The Examiner objects to claim 12 because of an informality. Claim 12 is amended herein as suggested by the Examiner and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

ITEM 4: REJECTION OF INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1, AND CLAIMS 5 AND 13 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102 AS ANTICIPATED BY TAMURA (JP-209547)

The Examiner rejects independent claim 1, and claims 5 and 13 dependent thereon, as anticipated by Tamura.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a device "wherein the power supply is cut off upon opening of the printer cover, and the power supply is cut off upon the developer unit being

separated from the printer, and the power supply is cut off upon an incomplete mounting of the developer unit in the printer."

Tamura does not teach or suggest that a power supply is cut off upon an incomplete mounting of the developer unit in the printer. Tamura merely teaches (See, for example, Purpose) "(t)o open and close a power source only by opening and closing a cover body."

Conclusion

Since features recited by independent claim 1, and dependent claims 5 and 13, are not taught by the cited art, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 1, 5, and 13 allowed.

ITEM 6: REJECTION OF DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 AND 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER TAMURA IN VIEW OF IN RE GAZDA (219 F. 2d 449, 104 USPQ (CCPA 1955))

Dependent claim 2 recites a device "wherein the first unit comprises a protuberance opposing the printer cover when the printer cover is closed and the developer unit is mounted in the printer." Dependent claim 10 recites the "first unit comprises a plurality of protuberances formed opposing the printer cover."

The Action concedes that Tamura does not teach a "first unit comprises a protuberance (or a plurality of protruberances opposing the printer cover." (Action at page 4). Nevertheless, the Examiner rejects claims 2 and 10, contending it is obvious to reverse the arrangement in Tamura. (Action at page 4).

Applicant submits that there is no motivation stated within the cited art, or reasonable expectation of success, to modify the cited art in a manner as suggested by the Examiner. As set forth in MPEP §2144. 04:

The mere fact that a worker in the art could rearrange the parts of the reference device . . . is not by itself sufficient to support a finding of obviousness. The prior art must provide a motivation . . . without the benefit of appellant's specification, to make the necessary changes in the reference device.

Tamura teaches (See, for example, Constitution) that when a:

cover body is opened . . . lever 24 is made free,. Accordingly it is turned in the direction of an arrow(b) due to the pressure of a spring plate 26 installed on the installation part of the power source switch 25 to release the pressure of the push button.

Applicant submits there is no motivation suggested in Tamura to redesign the discussed operation and reverse the interacting arrangement of the components, as the Examiner contends.

Conclusion

Since there is no motivation stated within the cited art to rearrange the parts of the cited art and *prima facie* obviousness is not established, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 2 and

10 allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIGS. 6 and 9. The sheet containing FIG. 6 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 6. The sheet containing FIG. 9 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 9. For the convenience of the Examiner, annotated sheets showing the changes made are attached.

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. In FIG. 6, a plurality protuberances 200a, 200b in the developer and a plurality of power supply cutting-off modules 500, 501 with insertion holes 120c, 501c in the printer cover are shown, as described in paragraph 0055. In FIG. 9, a plurality of protuberances 600a, 601a provided in the printer cover and a plurality of power supply cutting-off modules 600, 601 having insertion holes 600b, 601b in the developer unit are shown, as described in paragraph 0055.

Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

FIG. 9

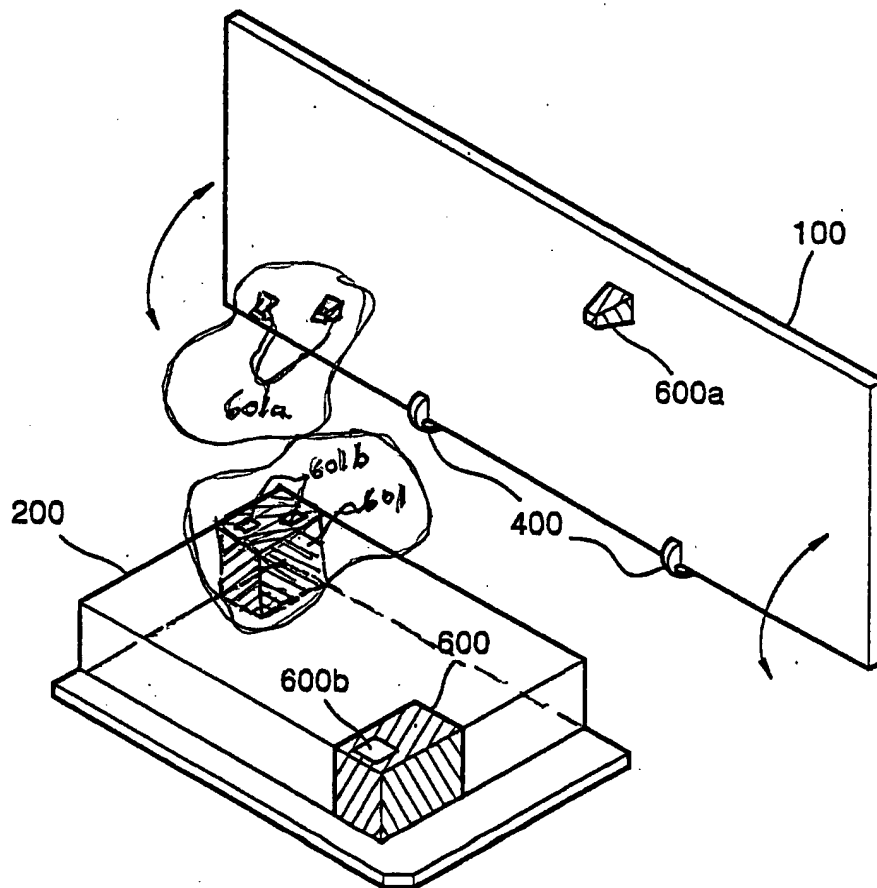


FIG. 6

